Graduates unemployed in NE States

4543. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of graduates/post-graduates skilled, semi-skilled and un-skilled unemployed in Mizoram and other North Eastern States as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to provide sustainable employment to those unemployed youths;

(c) whether the Central Government has made any special package for the unemployed youths of Mizoram or any other States in the country to solve unemployment problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Number of graduate/ post graduate job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the State of Mizoram and other North Eastern States as on 31.12.2005 for which data is currently available was around 20,000 and 17.94 lakh respectively.

(b) In order to provide sustainable employment to unemployed persons including youth, the Government has been implementing various employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes all over the country including North Eastern States. Some of these are Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY); Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY). The scheme of capacity building and programmes for upgradation of skills of unemployed youth in the North Eastern region are also being implemented by Government of India. In addition, Government has also been implementing National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme in 313 districts of the country to provide at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do manual unskilled work.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing Prime Minister's package on "Establishment of new ITIs" in North Eastern States

and Sikkim. The State of Mizoram is also included under the scheme. Under the project, 22 new ITIs are being set up and 35 existing ITIs are being strengthened & upgraded with a total project cost of Rs. 100 crore. In addition, a sum of Rs. 13.7 crore has also been approved by the Planning Commission for setting up of 3 Additional ITIs-2 in Sikkim and 1 in Assam.

Labour welfare scheme in Goa

4544. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for labour welfare are in force in Goa;

(b) if so, the essential features of those schemes;

(c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last three years in that State; and

(d) the details regarding the financial assistance granted to the State in the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Various welfare schemes in the sphere of Health, Education, Housing, Recreation under the Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1976, are in force in the State of Goa.

(b) Healthcare is provided to the workers through dispensary operated by the Labour Welfare Organisation. In addition, there is provision of reimbursement in case of major ailments like heart, surgery, cancer, kidney transplant etc. as under:

(i) Reimbursement upto Rs. 1.30 lakh is provided for heart disease,

(ii) Rs. 2 lakh for kidney transplant,

(iii) Rs. 30,000/- for minor surgeries,

(iv) Reimbursement of Rs. 150/- for purchase of spectacles, and

(v) Reservation of bed in T.B. hospitals, treatment and subsistence allowance not exceeding Rs. 750/- p.m. in case of tuberculosis. Financial Assistance is provided to the school going children of workers studying from class I to professional course ranging from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 8,000/- p.a. A uniform subsidy of Rs. 40,000/- is granted to a worker for construction of a house.

(c) Projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes in the last three years in the State of Goa is detailed below: